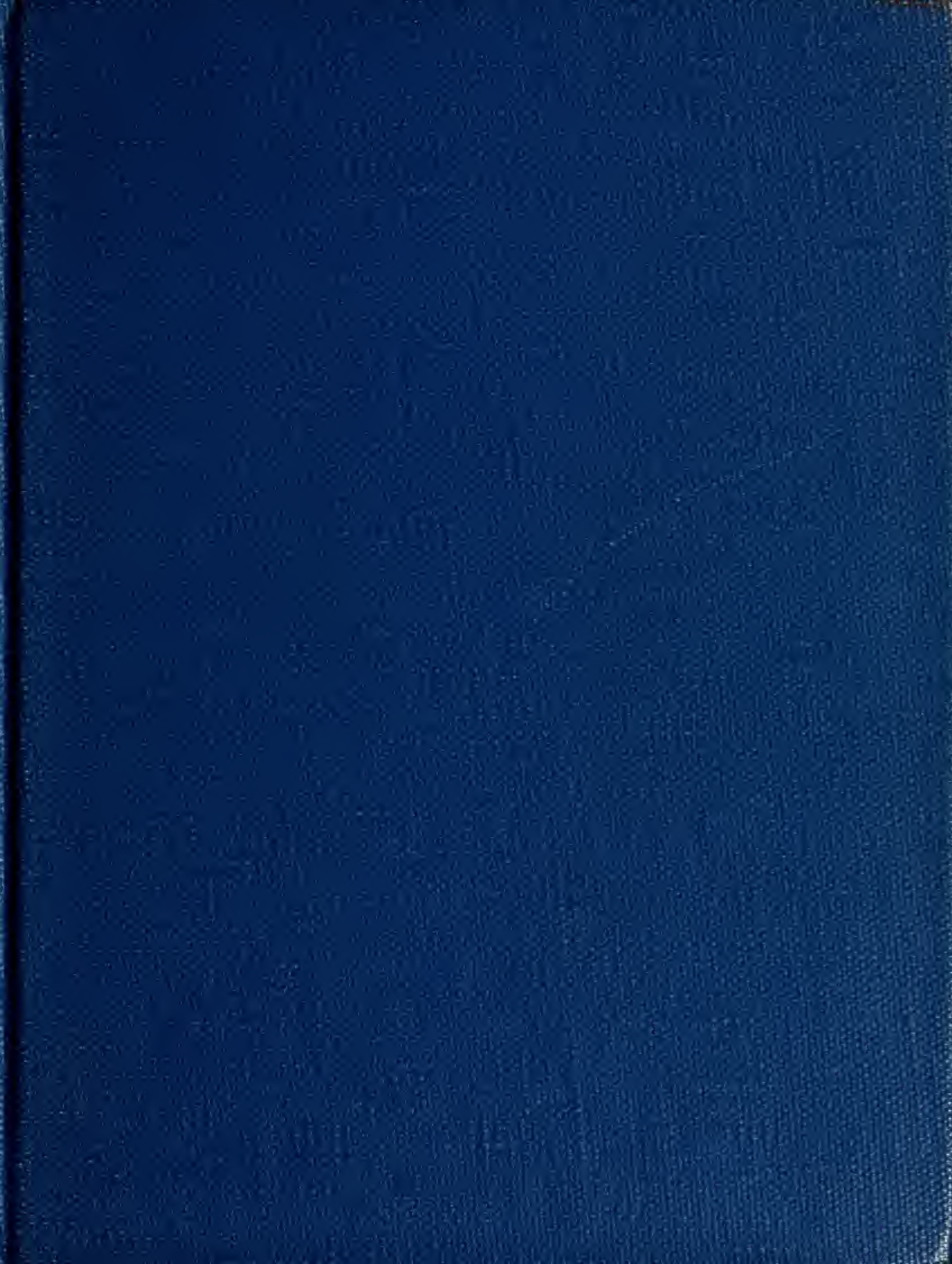




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# GENEALOGY

OF THE

## MANN FAMILY,

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## THE MANN FAMILY.

It is interesting and of some importance to know who were our progenitors, where they lived, what were their occupations, and what were their characters. It is a blessing to have an honorable, virtuous and godly parentage. Many precious, divine promises are recorded respecting the posterity of such succeeding generations. The good examples, the usefulness, the social virtues and Christian faithfulness of such persons greatly benefit those of their own time, and are adapted to excite those who come after them to a commendable course of action.

Of the Mann family in England we know that it was highly respectable, and was honored on several occasions in successive periods with royal favor. Individuals filled important offices under the government, and secured public confidence and esteem by their fidelity in the performance of duty.

In an ancient folio book of heraldry, in Redwood Library, in Newport, R. I., there is a fac-simile of the coat-of-arms, accompanied with a description of it, and on whom conferred. It is as follows: "Sable on a Fesse counter embattled, between three goats passant argent, as many ogresses, is borne by the name of Mann, and was granted to Edward Mann, of Ipswich, in Suffolk, England, sometime comptroller of his majesty's post of Ipswich, the 2nd of March, 1692."

In a similar book of heraldry, in Boston, the writer found the same coat-of-arms conferred on Lord Cornwallis, whose family name was Mann. Thus, "Mann, Earl Cornwallis, Viscount Brome, Baron Cornwallis of Eye, Suffolk, and a Baronet. Motto, Virtute vincent invidiam."

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The same coat-of-arms was conferred on "Horatio Mann, Linton, Kent, created a baronet 3rd March, 1755, and installed Knight of the Bath 15th June, 1772. Sable on Fesse counter embattled, three goats passant, argent, as many ogresses. Crest, a demi-dragon, wings endorsed, sa guttee d'eau inside of wings and talons. Motto, *Per ardua stabili-*" These armorial ensigns or marks of distinction show clearly that for a long course of years the families of the individuals thus honored were held in high estimation. The motto on this last heraldic escutcheon, which is that of our family, expresses an important and valuable trait of character. To be firm, stable and unflinching in the midst of difficulties and dangers is a chief quality of true greatness. It evinces an invincible determination to perform duty, courage to face dangers, and intrepidity in overcoming obstacles. Such persons make their mark in society, and leave an impression which is not soon obliterated. The statement of a writer is, that "the Manns were descendants of respectable ancestors in England; and were noted for their industry, sobriety, steady loyalty, and firm attachment to civil order in opposition to insurrection and revolution. The king's private secretary was for many years selected from this family." The bestowment of the coat-of-arms was an expression of royal favor, well deserved by the recipients of that favor.

We come now to the beginning of the settlement of New England. In that self-denying, godly company, who from love of gospel truth and order ventured across the ocean in the Mayflower to make homes in a vast wilderness, was a young man by the name of Richard Mann. The history of Hanover, Massachusetts, contains an extensive genealogy of the Mann family. It begins thus: "Richard Mann, a planter, came in the Mayflower in the family of elder Brewster." He was from Kent County, where those lived whose exemplary lives had secured for them so much esteem and favor as we have already shown. As it was not customary nor even practicable to keep journals or records in those days of destitution and suffering and labor, we have no record of the marriage, and only a brief notice of immediate descendants of



our youthful pilgrim. He was one of the Conihasset partners in Scituate, in 1646, and his farm is at that place still known as "Mann Hill." He died about 1655, and his widow married John Cowen.

The genealogy of Richard Mann, commencing with his son Thomas, is copied from the "History of Hanover," Massachusetts, and agrees with that given in Mr. Farmer's Genealogical Register, as far as he goes with it. Though what follows carries the list of descendants down to the year 1843, no mention is made of the Rev. Samuel Mann, the first minister of Wrentham, Massachusetts, and his posterity. The writer of this sketch thinks, therefore, that Richard had another son, whose genealogy is not given till we come to William Mann, the father of the Rev. Samuel Mann, about the year 1641. It is perfectly clear that we of the Hebron, Connecticut, Manus, are descended from Samuel, the first minister of Wrentham, as will be shown hereafter.

The above-named history gives the following as the descendants of Richard Mann :

"Of his children, Thomas, born August 15th, 1650, was father of Benjamin, born February 19th, 1697, who settled in Hanover, Massachusetts. This is an old name in England, numerous represented there, the Earl of Cornwallis, being of the family, and Sir Horatio Mann, of Linton, Kent. There are other families in the United States besides the descendants of Richard, who are settled in Norfolk county, and who are quite numerous in Randolph and its vicinity. The Manns of Hanover are descendants of Richard, the planter.

"2. *Benjamin Mann*, son of Thomas, and grandson of Richard, married Martha Curtis, February 4th, 1764, who died January 20th, 1769. He was selectman in 1745. His children were, 1, Martha, born January 6th, 1725, married William Curtis. 2, Benjamin, born August 4th, 1727. 3, Rebecca, born August 18th, 1729, married Abner Curtis. 4, Sarah, born February 8th, 1730, married Elijah Mann. Three children died young.

"3. *Benjamin Mann, Junior*, married Abigail Gill, Novem-



ber 23rd, 1749. He was selectman in 1763 and 1764, and erected the old grist-mill near the bridge. His children were, 1, Abigail, born September 9th, 1751, married Asa Turner. 2, Benjamin, born March 3rd, 1753. 3, Olive, born April 18th, 1754, married Thomas Stetson, June 18th, 1772. 4, Ezra, born December 11th, 1755, died in the Revolution, November 26th, 1775. 5, Levi, born September 7th, 1757. 6, Joshua, born July 14th, 1759. 7, Bela, born July 18th, 1761, married Ann Bryant of Scituate, and moved to Lunenburg. 8, Sarah, born January 17th, 1768, married Joseph Neal, of Cohasset, December 6th, 1791. 9, Susa G., born October 24th, 1764, married Caleb Whiting, April 23rd, 1785. 10, Charles, born November 27th, 1766, married Abigail Gill. 11, Perez, born November 7th, 1768, married Abigail Johnson. 12, Sage, born 1773. 13, Caleb, born September 13th, 1775, married Betsey Pratt, died February 23rd, 1840, leaving a daughter, Betsey, who married David Mann, of Hanover, Massachusetts.

4. *Benjamin Mann*, son of Benjamin 2nd, married Hannah, died in Hanover December 12th, 1820. His children were, 1, Hannah, married first, Thomas Whiting, and second, Elisha Taxon. 2, Ruth, married Isaac Wilder, August 8th, 1802, father of Isaac Mann Wilder, (still living, 1871, a grocer in Hanover, at whose house the writer has recently been.) 3, Sarah, married Jonathan Curtis, November 1st, 1798.

5. *Levi Mann*, son of Benjamin 2nd, married first Ann Cooley, second, Patience Donnell, died January 12th, 1818. His children were, 1, Ezra, married Nabby Glover. 2, Levi, born January 6th, 1782, married Margaret Ames, of Boston. 3, Alexander, born February 9th, 1785. 4, Jairus, born October 7th, 1787, married Desire Whiting, and lived in Charlestown. 5, Patience, born May 1st, 1791, married Ebenezer Arnold, and second, Joshua Cole, and third, Job Pratt. 6, Anne R., born December 2nd, 1792, married Henry Stoddard, of Hanover, Massachusetts. 7, John, born January 25th, 1795. 8, Joseph, born October 12th, 1797, married Eunice Jacobs. 9, Sarah, married William Henderson.



10, Amy, born April 20th, 1808, married Deacon Jonathan Brooks, December 4th, 1823.

6. *Joshua Mann*, (Capt.,) son of Benjamin 2nd, married Mary Cushing, of Hingham. He was captain of one of the military companies of the town, and selectman from 1799 to 1802. His children were, 1, Joshua, born 1784, died 1792. 2, Molly, born 1785, died 1792. 3, Benjamin, born 1788. 4, Mary C., married Oren Josselyn. 5, Joshua, born July 4th, 1796. 6, David, born September 7th, 1798. His children were, 1, Jonathan, born December 28th, 1819, married Sarah Chandler, and lives in East Abington. 2, Josiah, born March 13th, 1822. 3, Andrew, married Abby O. Torrence. 4, Gustavus, born April 9th, 1828, married Elmira Vining. 5, Lucy T., born 1829, married George Dunham. 6, Harriet, married Warren Love. 7, Lydia, married Lorenzo Foster. These lived in East Abington. 8, Sarah. 9, Betsey.

8. *Benjamin Mann*, Esq., son of Joshua, (Capt.,) married Lydia Josselyn, and second, Lydia Waterman. His children were, 1, Benjamin L., who died in New Orleans. 2, Albert G., born 1813, died 1817. 3, Lydia J., born February 15th, 1815, married Jonathan Pool, Jr. 4, Almira C., born January 11th, 1820, married Lysander Nash. 7, Henrietta M., born 1822, died 1838. 8, Newton. 9, Lucy A. 10, Marcus M., born November 21st, 1840. 11, Albert G., born July 17th, 1843. 12, An infant, born and died in 1846. 13, Everett N., born June 24th, 1847. 14, Abby J., born May 13th, 1851.

9. *Major Joshua Mann*, son of Joshua, married Bethia Curtis. His children were, 1, Joshua W. 2, Nancy J., married Martin T. Stetson, October 6th, 1850. 3, Rodney, born March 9th, 1835. 4, Mary A., born November 10th, 1839. 5, Horace, born November 12th, 1842. 6, George W., born March 12th, 1845.

10. *David Mann*, son of Captain Joshua, married Betsey, daughter of Charles Mann, April 4th, 1821. His children were, 1, David J., born 1822, died at sea, 1846. 2, George H., born April 20th, 1824, in California. 3, Mary J., born



January 4th, 1826. 4, Joshua, born August 26th, 1827. 5, Caleb, born April 3rd, 1829. 6, Sopronia, born July 26th, 1831, married Joseph Hunt. 7, Russel C., born July 30th, 1836. 8, Albert G., born June 26th, 1838. 9, Howard F., born March 30th, 1843. 10, Perez, died aged 18 months.

Mr. R. R. Hinman, of Hartford, Connecticut, in his pamphlet, printed by E. Gleason, has a "Catalogue of the first Puritan settlers of the Colony of Connecticut from 1635 to 1665, collected from State, Town and Probate Records." He gives the following genealogy of the Mann family :

"Mann, William, emigrated from Kent County, England, in the early settlement of Massachusetts, and was born in 1607 or 1608. He located in Cambridge, and married Mary Jarrod. His son, *Samuel*, was born July 6th, 1647, and was educated at Harvard College, graduated in 1665. He married Esther Ware, of Dedham, May, 1673," and preached in Wrentham to a few settlers until the place was abandoned in consequence of Philip's war for more than four years. The record states : "When they returned they prevailed upon Mr. Man\* to accompany them. There was no church formed in Wrentham till 1692, when Mr. Mann, the first minister, was ordained, and preached his own ordination sermon. He shared with them in all their difficulties and privations, left a numerous posterity, and died in 1719, in the forty-ninth year of his ministry."

His children were Mary, born April 7th, 1674, married Samuel Dearing May 4th, 1703. Samuel, born August 8th, 1675. Nathaniel, born during Philip's war, married Elizabeth George, of Dorchester, December 19th, 1704. William, married Bethia Rocket December 1st, 1701. Theodore, born February 8th, 1680, married Abigail Hawes February 28th, 1702. Thomas, born October 24th, 1682, married Hannah Aldis November 27th, 1709. Hannah, born June 12th, 1685, married Samuel Davis April 30th, 1707. Beriah, born March 30th, 1687, married Daniel Hawes in 1710, and had 11 children. Pelatiah, born April 2nd, 1689, married Je-



mima Farrington February 18th, 1719, had eight children. Margaret, born December 21st, 1691, married Nathaniel Whiting April 18th, 1711, and Esther, born June 16th, 1696, married Isaac Fisher December 30th, 1719.

*Mr. Hinman gives the following respecting these :*

*Mary*, daughter of Rev. Samuel Mann, married Samuel Dearing in 1708, and had three daughters and a son, Samuel.

*Samuel*, son of Rev. Samuel, married Lipporah Billings in October, 1704, and had children, Samuel, Mercy, Ebenezer, Beriah, Lipporah, Richard, Josiah, Hannah, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Esther, and Bezalleel—13.

*Nathaniel*, son of Rev. Samuel, married Elizabeth George December, 1704, and had 10 children, George, John, Nathaniel, Mary, Robert, Jeremiah, Joseph, Ezra, Richard, and Timothy.

*William*, son of Rev. Samuel, married Bethia Rocket December, 1701, and had nine children, Bethia, William, Dorothy, Hezekiah, Michael, Mehitabel, Joseph, Ichabod, and Elijah.

*Theodore*, son of Rev. Samuel, married Abigail Hawes 1703, and had 11 children, Theodore, Mary, Phebe, Theodore, Abigail, Margaret, Sarah, Daniel, Beriah, Thomas, and Jerusha.

*Thomas*, son of Rev. Samuel, married Hannah Aldis December, 1709, and had seven children, Hannah, Esther, Rachel, Nathan, Ruth, Hepzibah, and Mary.

*Hannah*, daughter of Rev. Samuel, married Samuel Davies 1707, but left no children.

*Beriah*, 3rd daughter of Rev. Samuel, married Daniel Hawes in 1710, and had 11 children, Daniel, Samuel, Peletiah, Moses, Aaron, Ichabod, Timothy, Beriah, Josiah, Joseph, and Mary.

*Pelatih*, son of Rev. Samuel, married Jemima Farrington February, 1719, and had eight children, Jemima, Daniel, David, James, Eunice, Jerusha, Melatih, and Louis.

*Margaret*, 4th daughter of Rev. Samuel, married Nathaniel Whiting April 18th, 1711, and had four children, Margaret, Esther, Nathan, and Nathaniel.



*Esther*, 5th daughter of Rev. Samuel, married Isaac Fisher December 30th, 1719, and had nine children, Jonathan, Esther, Isaac, Anna, Margaret, Timothy, Experience, Beriah, and Hannah.

Thomas Mann, who was a deacon of the Wrentham church, was a son of Theodore. He married a daughter of James Blake in 1744, and had nine children.

\* Nathaniel Mann, who married Elizabeth George, came from Massachusetts to what is now Mansfield, Connecticut, when it was a wilderness, and being the first settler in the place, it was honored with the name Mansfield in about 1720. He removed to Hebron, Connecticut, where he purchased another farm and settled upon it for life, but he died at his son's in Colchester at an advanced age. Among his children he had a son, John, who lived and died in old age upon the farm purchased by his father in 1720.

*Joseph*, son of Nathaniel, had sons, Joel, Zadock, Joseph, and James. He died in Hebron, in 1708 or 9.

*Joel*,\* son of Joel, had five children, Rodolphus, Jeremiah, Samuel, Joel, and Cyrus, a physician, who settled in western New York.

*Jeremiah*, son of Joel 2nd, was father of Francis Norton Mann, at one time mayor of the city of Troy, New York.

*John*, son of Nathaniel, (*my grandfather*), married Margaret Peters, aunt of Governor Peters, of Hebron, and had nine children, Margaret, Mercy, Mary, Phebe, Hannah, John, Elijah, Nathaniel, and Andrew.

He (John) died at Hebron very aged in 1806. His daughter, *Margaret*, married Mr. Cross, and settled in Montreal, Canada, and had John and Aaron. *Mary*, another daughter, married Jacob Loomis, of Hebron, and had Mary, Jacob and Abigail. *Phebe* married Mr. Buel. *Hannah*, daughter of John, and granddaughter of Nathaniel, married Mr. Baldwin, of Bradford, Connecticut. (I have seen and visited them.—J. M.) *Mercy* married Dr. Hanchet, of Ballston, New York, and had a daughter, who married Mr. Plumb, of Troy, New York.

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\* He was my uncle, and lived in Milton, N. Y.—J. M.

\* He married Hannah George 1720.



*Nathaniel*, son of John, Senior, (my uncle,) was educated at Dartmouth College, after which he went to England to perfect his education as physician and surgeon, and spent some time in the hospital in London. On his return to this country he married Miss Owen, and settled in Georgia, where he died, leaving two daughters, Harriet and Sophia, but no sons.

*Elijah*, son of John, Senior, had three sons, Enoch, Elijah, and Bernsley.

*John 2nd*, son of John, born December 25th, 1743, married Lydia Porter, of Hebron, daughter of John Porter, 19 years of age, born March 17th, 1746, and moved with her on horseback to Orford, New Hampshire, in October, 1765, and were the first permanent settlers of the town. Their children born in Oxford were, John, Solomon, Jared, Ira, Aaron, Lydia, Sarah, Nathaniel, Benning, Asaph, Cyrus, Phebe, Joel, Abijah, and one son lived but a few hours after his birth.

Something should be said here of the parents of those fifteen children before proceeding to notice the children and their families. When a large portion of the State of New Hampshire was a wilderness, and lands in the town of Orford were surveyed and offered for sale, John Mann soon after his marriage went there from Hebron, Connecticut, and took possession of a lot on Connecticut River, given to him by his father. A dense forest covered the whole region except a few spots which had been cleared by the Indians, on which they had raised corn. Here, with his resolute and faithful companion, he pitched his tent, built a log-house, and began to fell the stately trees of primeval growth, some of the pines being 200 feet in height. The journey of these pioneers was indeed a lonely and fatiguing one, the last sixty miles of it being without a road, the crooked foot-path obstructed by fallen trees, and no bridges across the streams. In some of the towns along the way there were two or three families with whom they staid at night, who received them cordially and refreshed them with their homely fare. They arrived at the place where they made their future home on the 24th of Oc-



tober, 1765. A family had come there a few months previously, had reared a hut covered with bark, with whom they passed the winter. That family moved away, so that Mr. Mann and wife were the first abiding or permanent settlers of the town.

Removed as they were from all places for obtaining the conveniences and comforts of life, they had to rely on their own ingenuity and efforts to obtain only a small portion of what was needed. A few chairs and a bedstead, and something for a table, were indispensable articles. An abundance of timber was everywhere around them, but no saw-mill to convert it into lumber. No wagon-roads were constructed on which articles for housekeeping could be transported. No canals were cut around the numerous falls in the river for the ascent of water-craft. The soil had not been relieved of the deep shade that had lain upon it for ages, and the enlivening rays of the sun let in upon it ; and no harvest had taken the place of the towering forest.

Many years ago my oldest brother, who was the first child born in Orford, gave me at my request some facts respecting our parents in their new location. From his letter I quote the following : "When an anger was needed to make a bedstead, it was only to step nine miles through the woods to Mr. John Chamberlin, in Thetford, who was the only person then living in that town, and borrow one of him, and when the bedstead and two or three chair-frames were put together, just step through the nine miles of woods to return it. This labor and fatigue was considered as nothing. As there was no land cleared nor grain raised in the town, Mr. Mann, having some tools for cooperage, made pails and tubs, and as soon as the river was sufficiently frozen, put them on a hand-aled and drew them to Newbury, Vermont, on the ice, and exchanged them for corn with the three families of Johnston, Bailey and Hazen, who had been there three years, and had cleared land and raised corn. The distance on the river was about twenty miles. This corn, with or without roasting, was pounded fine in a large wooden mortar ; then the finest part baked in cakes or bread, the coarser part was boiled,



which was called hominy. The mortar was made of a section of a large hardwood log set up on end, and the top hollowed out by burning, so large and deep as to hold from three to eight quarts. With a pestle the grain was pounded until it was sufficiently fine for use." In after time, Mr. Mann purchased other lots, making a large farm, and fixed his residence in what has become the centre of a beautiful village. There he died May 9th, 1828, aged 84 years and four months. A part of the estate is now inherited and occupied by his grandson, Asaph Mann.

I now proceed to notice the sons and daughters of John Mann, Esq., and their families, to the third and fourth generations, so far as I have present knowledge.

John 3rd, the oldest, was born May 21st, 1766, and died in 1850. He married Lydia Dutton, of Northfield, Massachusetts, who died February 23rd, 1809.\* Their children were John Dutton, Lydia, Timothy, Lucy Dutton, Sophia, Silas, Clarissa, Russel, and Royal. John D., a merchant, married Martha Phelps, and had one son, John Henry.

*Lydia* died December 25th, 1812.

*Timothy*, a merchant.

*Lucy D.* married Luther M. Harris, M. D., who lived and died at Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. Their children were Phebe, George W., Elizabeth.

*Sophia* married George O. Strong. Children—Joanna, George, William S., and Lydia Ann.

*Silas* married Rhoda Parker. Children—Lydia Jane, Silas Eldridge, Frances Ermina, and Martha Phelps. Children of Silas E. were Rosa, Ivah, Clara, Eugene, Mary, and Jessie.

*Clarissa* married Colonel Squire Allen, and died at Troy, New York, July 4th, 1860.

*Russel.*

*Royal*, a Presbyterian minister, married Sarah T. Lee, who died February 29th, 1860. Their son, Royal Henry, en-

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\* He occupied an important position in society, was a merchant and farmer, was major of the regiment, filled public offices, was a member of the Congregational Church, cultivated and sustained as chorister sacred music in public worship, and liberally aided education.



listed in United States Army, and died in New Orleans of typhoid fever. Rev. Royal Mann married 2nd wife, Mrs. Mary Ann Raymond, of Penfield, New York.

*Solomon*, 2nd son of John M., Esq., born August 19th, 1768, died August 11th, 1825, married Miss Parkhurst. Children—Phebe, Emily, Solomon, William, Almira, George, Albert, Henry. Phebe married Rev. George Hough, who went a missionary to Burmah, and was Principal of the Government High School of Maulmain. They landed in Rangoon in 1816, afterward removed to Calcutta, and in 1837 to Maulmain. "For the long period of 42 years the energies, strength and lives of Mr. and Mrs. Hough have been devoted to a work of purest philanthropy." "She was possessor of many extraordinary and fine qualities." "The productions of her spirited pen both in prose and poetry, have often graced the columns of the leading journals in Calcutta." This excellent lady had attained to the mature age of 71 years, and the day of her lamented death was the anniversary of the 48th year of her marriage-day. She leaves a son and a daughter. The daughter is the wife of Major-General Trembure of the Bengal Engineers. Her son is George Hough, Esq., the present popular assistant Commissioner of the Rangoon district. Her remains were attended to the grave by a large concourse of people, among whom were present many of the military, civil, and public generally."—Extracted from the Maulmain Advertiser.

*Emily* 2nd, daughter of Solomon, married Henry Oakes, a merchant. Their children were Emily, who married Mr. Kent, a merchant in Lancaster, New Hampshire, and had three sons, Henry O., Edward and Charles.

*Henry C. Kent* was a colonel in the United States Army in the war of rebellion, and had two children, Berenice Emily, and Henry Percy.

*Edward Kent* was a merchant, and had two daughters, Anne Oakes, and Emily Mann.

*Charles Kent* has two children, Helen and George.

*Phebe*, daughter of Emily and Henry Oakes, married Mr. Stephenson, a lawyer.



*Elizabeth*, daughter, married first, Mr. Cargill, and second, Rev. B. F. Ray.

*Sarah*, daughter of Emily and Henry Oakes.

*Solomon, Jun.*, married Frances C. Kellam, whose children were Phebe, who married Mr. Hyatt, a merchant in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Frances Emily, who married Rev. Benjamin F. Millard, now As. Pastor and Agent of the New York Port Society. Hattie Hubbard, dead. Solomon, a lawyer. Gustavus, Jennie Wells, who married David E. James, a lawyer. Anna Green, who married George S. Becker, a member of Congress from Minnesota.

*Rev. Mr. Millard's* children are Franklin Mann, and Chalmers S. Mann.

*William*, 2nd son of Solomon 1st.

*Almira*, 3rd daughter of do., married Mr. Parks.

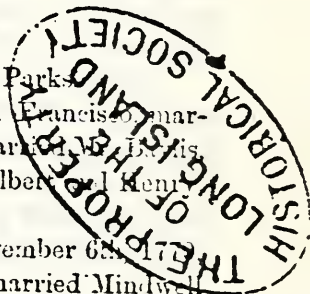
*George*, 3rd son of do., a merchant in San Francisco, married Laura Mattocks. Children—Laura, married Mr. Davis, merchant in New York. Adaline, George, Albert, and Henry.

*Jared*, 3rd son of J. Mann, Esq., born November 6th, 1779, died May 30th, 1837, in Lowell, a farmer; married Mindwell Hale, daughter of Samuel Hale, M. D. He held some public offices in Orford, taught schools, and was an exemplary and useful citizen. The children were Susan, (Mrs. Hurd,) Mary, (Mrs. Darby,) Samuel, a lawyer in Lowell, Elizabeth, (Mrs. Gleason.)

*Ira*, 4th son of J. Mann, Esq., a farmer, born September 8th, 1772, died May, 1860, married 1st, Miss Bailey, 2nd, Miss Scott; had 17 children, Jos., Gilbert B., Daniel, were some.

*Aaron*, 5th son of J. Mann, Esq., born July 21st, 1774, died in Elgin, Illinois, in 1851, married Sally Melvin; their children were Sally, married Reuben Roberts, Aaron, married Elizabeth Weld, Harriet, married Francis Weld, Philoxa, married Peter Clark, Eliphalet Kimball, Isaac, Cyrus, and an infant buried with its mother.

His second wife was Sally Ingraham; their children were Adin, William, Leonard, Benning, Munroe, Charles, Eunice, Maria, who died in childhood.





Children of Aaron Mann, Junior, and Eliza Weld, were Caroline, born January 11th, 1825, Albert G., born July 19th, 1827. Henry A., born September 1st, 1832, died January 9th, 1835, Louisa, born October 8th, 1836, died February 9th, 1859.

The children of Nathaniel are Mason, Mary Mann, Lewis, a graduate of Dartmouth College, and Helen Mann.

Mason married Mary Kinsman. Children—Lucy and Helen.

Mary Mann, second wife of Hon. Leonard Wilcox, a graduate of Dartmouth College, judge of a court and Senator in Congress. Children—Catharine and Leonard. His first wife was Almira Morcy. Children—Martha, (Mrs. Woodward,) Samuel M., Mary, (Mrs. Willard,) Sarah F. and George.

Helen Mann married Charles A. Silver, of Brooklyn, New York. Children, Charles Lewis Henry Mann, a graduate of Dartmouth College, Edward Vernon, and Lewis Mann.

Lydia, born September 17th, 1776, died December 29th, 1851, married Joseph Pratt. Children, Joseph, John, Lydia, Henry, a portrait and landscape painter.

Sarah married Dr. Rogers, born June 4th, 1778, died November 5th, 1864 ; had one child, Sarah Relief.

Nathaniel, born December 29th, 1779, died May 13th, 1860, married Mary Mason.

Benning, 7th son of John Mann, Esq., born November 25th, 1781, died January 31st, 1863, married Phebe Mann, his cousin. He was a lawyer, Judge of Tolland County Court, and subsequently of the City Court in Hartford, Connecticut, was United States Marshal for Connecticut, and held other offices. Their children were Martha Cordelia, Benning E., Edward M., Catharine Vernon, Margaret Peters, and Cyrus N.

Martha C. married Augustus Backus, and had seven children, viz., Herbert Augustus, Isadore Cordelia, Brady Electus, Pauline Janette, Arthur Mann, Charlotte C. Albert Provost, Clarence Lay; all live at Detroit, Michigan. Brady Electus is an Episcopal minister, graduated at Trinity College.

Benning E., of Chicago, Illinois, had children, Edward, Ju-



lia, (Mrs. Peck,) Charles, killed in the army in war of rebellion.

*Edward M.*, married twice. Children—Virginia, (Mrs. Long,) Ella, (Mrs. Kimball,) live in Jersey City. Second wife (now Mrs. Hunter) had one child.

*Cyrus N.*, of Pekin, Illinois, married and has children.

*Catharine Vernon* married Mr. Strickland, of Clulahoma, Miss.

*Margaret P.* married Mr. Hunter.

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The father of the above-named children died in the city of Hartford, as already stated. From the papers of that city the following extracts are made :

“DEATH OF BENNING MANN, ESQ.

This venerable and much-respected citizen died at his residence on Chapel Street, in the eighty-first year of his age. He was born in Orford, New Hampshire, and when a young man removed to Stafford, Connecticut, where for several years he practiced law. Some time afterward he settled in Hartford, where he opened an office, and was made Justice of the Police Court, which position he held for thirty years, until he was 70 years of age, when he could not by law act as such any longer. Since then he has been a grand juror, and for nearly eleven years the Clerk of the Police Court, which post he occupied until his death. He was a man of strong intellect, and of a marked and strong individuality, and his keen good sense commonly led him to a quick and right estimate of the real value of whatever subject engaged his attention. In the home circle, to which he was attached, he was the object of the purest affection, and it was his highest purpose to promote the welfare of others. His illness was only of a week's duration. He was perfectly conscious of his approaching end, and calmly and cheerfully submitted to enter the valley of the shadow of death, in full confidence that this life was to him the certain precursor of a happier eternal existence.

“The officers of the police force, and reporters of the daily papers, assembled at the Police Court room, which was



draped in mourning, and after appropriate remarks by a number of gentlemen, the following preamble and resolutions were offered by Judge Gilman, and unanimously adopted :

"Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in the course of his divine providence to remove from our daily association and companionship Benning Mann, Esq., for many years identified with the judicial and police interests of this city, therefore,

"Resolved, that in the death of Esquire Mann, this community has sustained a severe loss, and that we especially, who have for years been daily connected with him, keenly feel our sorrow and mournfully miss the good man's cheerful face and kindly greeting.

"Resolved, that his unobtrusive goodness, his untiring usefulness, his equable disposition, his incorruptible integrity, and his unswerving fidelity to the right shall embalm his memory in our hearts, and incite us to emulate his virtues.

"Resolved, that as an administrator of justice he was faithful and considerate ; as an adviser and counsellor, reliable and trustworthy ; as a citizen, patriotic ; as a man, honorable ; as a neighbor, kind and courteous, and as a friend, 'true as steel.'

"Resolved, that while we mourn, we gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God in so long permitting us to profit by his example and counsel, and in sparing him to good old age full of usefulness and honor, and beautified by the sincere respect and love of all classes of the community.

"Resolved, that as a mark of love for him, and our respect for his memory, we will attend the funeral in a body."

The following resolutions were passed by the Bar of Hartford County :

"Whereas, the bar of this county have again been called to mourn the loss of one of their number, Benning Mann, Esq., who, in the ripeness of mature age has been summoned by death from an active discharge of duty here, therefore,

"Resolved, that the genial kindness, the unvarying sympathy, the sterling sense, and the unbending integrity of our



late venerable associate, who for many years has been connected with us in the practice of our profession, will long be commemorated in the hearts of the bar of this county.

"Resolved, that in the administration of public trusts committed to his care, he discharged official duties with an honesty which has made his name proverbial, and has left a memory ever to be cherished in the respect and esteem of the community.

"Resolved, that the court be requested to adjourn this afternoon, and to unite with the bar in attending the funeral of our friend, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the clerk to the family of the deceased."

On the morning of the funeral the following appeared in the *Hartford Times*: "Lines by Mrs. L. H. Sigourney, occasioned by the recent death of Benning Mann, Esq. He had been Judge of Tolland County Court, United States Marshal for Connecticut, Senator in the State Legislature, and successively Justice and Clerk of the Police Court of the city :

BENNING MANN, ESQ.

We miss him from our streets,  
The good, brave man, who held old time at bay,  
Taking from four score years their fill  
Of vigorous health, and casting still  
Their frosts away.

We miss him in these days,  
When upright men are rare ;  
When the unvarnished purpose fails,  
And gain o'er godliness prevails  
With haughty air.

Son of that honored State  
Where granite boulders rise  
Amid the rocky cliffs that soar  
Protective round New England's shore,  
Nearest the skies.

His virtues rooted deep,  
Nor towed to Fashion's train,



Nor truckled to the venal throng,  
But frowned on violence and wrong  
With just disdain.

Unswerving was his course  
To age from stainless youth ;  
So we with mournful reverence pay  
The tribute of our praise this day,  
To sterling worth!

L. H. S."

Resolutions like the preceding were also passed by the Putnam Military Phalanx, and the Lodges of Freemasons, of all which he was a member. The funeral services were held in Christ Church, of which he was a member. A great concourse of people were present. The long procession moved to the cemetery and the flags of the armory and arsenal were displayed at half-mast. The Masonic burial service was read at the grave, around which each Mason passed and dropped into it a sprig of evergreen, the emblem of immortality.

*Asaph Mann*, 8th son of J. M., Esq., was born September 30th, 1783, and died December 27th, 1814. He was a farmer, and inherited the homestead estate in Orford. Married Mary Barber, daughter of his step-mother. Their children were Asaph, Thomas, and Catharine.

Asaph, Jun., married Ann Sawyer, and inherits one half of the paternal estate, the other half was devised to his brother. Catharine died in youth. Their children are Abigail, Francina, John T., Charles A., and Mary B. Thomas is a lawyer, practiced his profession a few years in Orford, and then removed to Elizabeth, New Jersey, where he now resides. He married Margaret Shaffer, of Savannah, Georgia, and they have one son, William Little.

Rev. Cyrus Mann, 9th son of J. M., Esq., was born April 3rd, 1785, and died February 9th, 1859, at his son's, in Stoughton, Massachusetts, aged 73. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1806, having the Greek Oration, the second or third honor of his class. He was Principal of



Gilmanton Academy two years, then teacher of high school in Troy, New York, one year, and at the same time studied law; was next a tutor in Dartmouth College five years. Having decided to devote himself to the ministry of the gospel, he at the same time studied theology with Rev. Roswell Shurtliff, the Professor of Divinity. He was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Westminster, Massachusetts, February 22nd, 1815. It was a large society, being spread over the whole township, and no other church of that denomination within its limits. At his request he was dismissed from the pastorate there, and was the stated preacher of the Robinson Church, in Plymouth, Massachusetts, for three years, and lastly, was acting pastor of the Congregational Church at North Falmouth, Massachusetts, four years. His publications were a "Treatise on Trigonometry," an "Epitome of the Evidences of Christianity," a "History of the Temperance Reformation," a "Memoir of Mrs. Myra W. Allen," wife of Rev. David Oliver Allen, of the Bombay Mission; also some sermons. A portion of these works were for Sabbath-school libraries. He was a faithful, laborious, and remarkably successful pastor of the Congregational Church and society in Westminster during twenty-six years. His ministry there was blessed with seven extensive revivals of religion. He married Miss Nancy Sweetser. Children—Anna Maria, Adelia, and Cyrus S. Anna Maria married Rev. John F. Norton. Adelia married Mr. Johnson, and Cyrus S. married Harriet Field; is a physician and city missionary in Brooklyn, New York. Their children are Edward and Henry.

Phebe, 3rd daughter of J. M., Esq., born March 7th, 1787, married Samuel Sargent. Their children are Asenith, Mary Jane, Mercy S., William, George, John M., Simon Bolivar. Being a widow many years, she lived with her children in Worcester County, Massachusetts, and died at her son John's, in Westboro, Massachusetts, November 25th, 1871. She had long been an exemplary professor of religion,



and left the world in firm reliance on Christ for eternal life. Aged 84 years and eight months.

Joel, 10th son of J. M., Esq., born February 7th, 1789; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1810, was preceptor of the academy connected with the college; in the year following <sup>was</sup> a Congregational minister, ordained and installed in Bristol, Rhode Island, as colleague pastor with Rev. Henry Wight, D.D., November 15th, 1815; was afterward pastor of a church in Suffield, and in Greenwich, Connecticut, then in city of New York, also in Salem, Massachusetts, and lastly, acting pastor in Kingston, Rhode Island. He married Catharine Vernon, daughter of Samuel Vernon, president of Newport bank, and granddaughter of <sup>not</sup> William Vernon, president of the United States Naval Board through the Revolutionary war. Children, Samuel Vernon, Edward Joel, Mary Elizabeth, Elizabeth Ellery, <sup>lost</sup> both died in infancy, William, Catharine Vernon and Frederick Porter.

His publications were "The Christian Hero <sup>a discourse</sup> at Masonic Festival of John the Evangelist," "A Discourse <sup>at</sup> on the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims," "An Essay on Temperance," a discourse on "The Image of God in Man," "An Examination of the Review of that Discourse," a sermon at the ordination and installation of Rev. William A. Hyde, at Yorktown, New York, "The Obstinate Perseverance of Men," published in *National Preacher*, discourse on "The Scriptural Mode of Baptism," "The Pastor's Farewell" at Greenwich, Connecticut, "An Exposition of the Revelation of St. John," "An Historical Address at the Centennial Celebration of the Settlement of Orford, New Hampshire."

The ministry of Mr. Mann was greatly blessed in all the places where he was pastor, by the effusions of the Holy Spirit making divine truth plainly and frequently preached effectual in the conversion of hundreds of persons. His labors also in protracted meetings were abundant for three or four years, being at the same time a pastor, by which hundreds in other congregations were made the subjects of saving grace. To God be all the glory forever!

x Hon. William Vernon of Newport R.I.



Having relinquished the regular labors of the ministry on account of impaired health, he removed to New Haven, Connecticut, to enjoy in that beautiful city its literary and religious privileges, and preach as occasions should require.

Mrs. Catharine Mann, his beloved partner in life, was adorned with the graces of the Holy Spirit, and beautifully exemplified Christian character, and was greatly instrumental of promoting the spiritual welfare of individuals and of the Church of Christ. Ever manifesting an amiable disposition, simplicity of manners, prudence and kindness, she secured the entire confidence and warm affection of those who knew her. A very brief illness terminated her useful life in New Haven, Connecticut, at the age of eighty-four, leaving her husband to mourn his irreparable loss. All their seven children have passed into the world of spirits with the exception of the youngest one.

*Samuel V.*, the oldest, born February 10th, 1817, died of consumption while a member of the University of New York city, October 10th, 1836, aged 19 years and eight months.

*Edward J.*, was born May 20th, 1818, and died March 26th, 1869. He was for many years a commission and exporting merchant in New York, and was connected with the wealthy house of Messrs. Bell & Grant, in London, with whom he transacted a large amount of business. Afterward he had a commercial connection with an important firm in Liverpool. By the interruption of navigation in the recent war of southern rebellion, his business was nearly ruined. He married Abby Ophelia Martin, and had five children, viz, Catharine, Samuel Vernon, Martha Littlefield, Louisa May, and Edward. Catharine died in youth, Samuel Vernon married Harriet Onderdonk, granddaughter of the late Bishop Onderdonk, Martha Littlefield married L. M. Franklin. All live in Flushing.

*Catharine V.*, daughter of Rev. J. Mann, born September 8th, 1826, died April 25th, 1849, married S. Stillman Field of Boston, a merchant, and had two children, Catharine V.



and Frederic, both of whom died within a few days of each other with scarlet fever.

A daughter, lovely in person and lovely in character.

*Frederic P.*, son of Rev. J. M., is a physician in Brooklyn, New York, married Susan Martin. They have five children, viz., Frederic Porter, Clarence, Harwood, Leila, and Herbert.

*Abijah*, 11th son of J. M., Esq., born April 3rd, 1791, died March 8th, 1809.

The 12th son lived only a few hours after birth.

This view of the lineage of the family would be very incomplete if its connection with the ancient and honorable family of Peters were omitted. I proceed now to state briefly that connection. The Rev. Hugh Peters, A M., was "Arch-intendant of the Prerogative Court of Doctors Commons; a member of the Assembly of Divines, at Savoy, Westminster, and principal chaplain to the Lord Protector, and to the Lords and House of Commons, England, from 1640 to 1660." He was one of the seven judges who condemned Charles I., and after the death of Cromwell, and the restoration of monarchy, he came to Boston with his two brothers, William and Thomas. The history of him, written by Rev. Samuel Peters, LL.D., states that "being Puritans, they migrated to New England in 1634 to avoid the Star-chamber Court, or Protestant Inquisition of England." Thomas, a clergyman, settled that same year in Saybrook, Connecticut, and was the first minister in that colony. He founded an academy there, which bore his name, until it became Yale College, at New Haven. These three brothers were grandsons of Sir John Peters, of Exeter, in Devonshire, born in 1509. "His ancestor was of an ancient family in Normandy, France, and went an officer in the army of King William, who conquered England in 1066. Ten barons have succeeded from Sir John Peters. Their coat of arms, granted by William I., has this motto, "*Sans Dieu Rien.*"

William Peters, Esq., who came with his two brothers in 1634, had six sons, one of whom was named William,



who also had six sons and two daughters; two of the sons were John and William.

"In 1717 John moved from Boston to Hebron, Connecticut, on a patent of land, and there had sons and four daughters, viz., Mary, Margaret, Phebe and Mercy, who married and had families. Mary married Thomas Carrier, a planter; Hannah married Samuel Hantchet. *Margaret* married *John Mann*, a planter, and had four sons and five daughters. The oldest of those four sons was *John*, the father of the writer of this sketch, and married Miss Lydia Porter, of Hebron, and removed to Orford, New Hampshire, as has been already shown. It is readily seen, therefore, that Margaret Peters was granddaughter of William, who came to Boston with his two brothers, Thomas and Hugh. We are the 6th generation of William. Phebe married Moses Cass, a planter, and Mercy married Timothy Buel, a major in the service of King George III., and died in Canada."

"The Rev. Hugh Peters was pastor of the first church in Salem, Massachusetts, and afterwards minister of the Old South church, in Boston. He was also 'one of the trustees and pillars of Harvard College.' His brother, William, the grandfather of Margaret, the wife of John Mann, 'bought,' says the historian, of Rev. Mr. Blackstone, the whole peninsula upon which the city of Boston stands; but he was not permitted to hold it by those then called the *new comers*. However he held a share of it, and a share in the town of Andover, and in other towns. He did much toward the settlement of Andover in building a meeting-house, and a house for the minister, the Rev. Mr. Fry, who married one of his daughters."

Rev. Samuel Peters, LL.D., the historian, was brother of Margaret Peters, my grandmother, and was for many years the first rector of the Episcopal church in Hebron, and the first in Connecticut. Their remains lie side by side in the old churchyard of that town.

In giving some account of my honored father, I beg to make a brief statement of his genealogy. He was the son of John and Margaret (Peters) Maun, of Hebron, Connec-



ticut. The maiden name of his mother was Margaret Peters, a sister of the Rev. Samuel Peters, D.D., LL.D., who was for about forty years the first rector of the first Episcopal church formed in the State of Connecticut. Margaret Peters, was descended from Sir John Peters, of Exeter, England, who was made a knight by Henry VIII. This Sir John Peters was a descendant of an officer named Peters, in the army of William I., of Normandy, and served in the army in the conquest of England, in 1066. Thus we trace our descent back eight hundred years. The heraldic coat-of-arms of the family was granted by William I., and bore this striking motto, "*Sans Dieu Rien*," Nothing without God. The grandson of Sir John Peters was made Lord Peters and Baron of Writtle, in 1603, by King James I.

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